

IN THE ABSTRACT

Amendments to the abstract are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments." Please amend the Abstract of the application to read as follows:

AT Techniques are provided for controlling a data stream without communicating with a host generating the data stream. A host agent (associated with the host generating the data stream) runs in a computerized data processing device and receives a request signal from a request signal source (e.g., a router seeking direction on how to handle the data stream). In response to the request signal, the host agent generates a control signal which includes the control information for controlling the manner in which the request signal source transfers the data stream.